

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-03286-RC**

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR et al  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/31/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/31/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6495045) filed by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A-E, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons to U.S. Department of the Interior, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons to National Aeronautics and Space Administration, # <u>6</u> Summons Summons to U.S. Attorney General, # <u>7</u> Summons Summons to U.S. Attorney)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
10/31/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
11/01/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zrdj) (Entered: 11/01/2019)
11/01/2019		SUMMONS Not Issued as to NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (zrdj) (Entered: 11/01/2019)
11/01/2019	<u>3</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, # <u>2</u> Summons National Aeronautics and Space Administration, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney's Office)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 11/01/2019)
11/04/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR., SUMMONS Issued Electronically as to NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (ztth) (Entered: 11/04/2019)
11/05/2019	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Nathaniel Hunt, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-6507468. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Nathaniel Hunt, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 11/05/2019)
11/05/2019	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Nicholas Clabbers, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-6507491. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Nicholas Clabbers, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Levitan, Benjamin) (Entered: 11/05/2019)
11/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER denying <u>6</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice: The Court notes that Nicholas Clabbers is admitted to the District of Columbia Bar and maintains an office within the District of Columbia. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(c)(2)

		(“Practice by Non–Members of the Bar of this Court”), “[a]n attorney who engages in the practice of law from an office located in the District of Columbia must be a member of... the Bar of this Court to file papers in this Court.” Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.8(a), attorneys who are active members in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar may petition the Clerk for admission to the bar of this court. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on November 5, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 11/05/2019)
11/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>5</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2, it is hereby ORDERED that Nathaniel Hunt is admitted to represent Plaintiff <i>pro hac vice</i> in this case. SO ORDERED. <b>Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for instructions.</b> Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on November 5, 2019. (lcrc3) Modified event title on 11/20/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 11/05/2019)
11/20/2019	<u>7</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....AFFIDAVIT of <i>Mailing</i> by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. (Hunt, Nathaniel); Modified on 11/21/2019 (ztth). (Entered: 11/20/2019)
11/25/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11–13–19. (Hunt, Nathaniel) (Entered: 11/25/2019)
11/25/2019	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/13/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/13/2019. (Hunt, Nathaniel) (Entered: 11/25/2019)
11/25/2019	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 11/8/2019 (Hunt, Nathaniel) (Entered: 11/25/2019)
11/25/2019	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION served on 11/8/2019 (Hunt, Nathaniel) (Entered: 11/25/2019)
11/25/2019	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION served on 11/9/2019 (Hunt, Nathaniel) (Entered: 11/25/2019)
12/02/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Nicholas Clabbers on behalf of ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (Clabbers, Nicholas) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
12/02/2019	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Samantha R. Caravello on behalf of ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (Caravello, Samantha) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
12/03/2019	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Nathaniel Hemmerick Hunt on behalf of ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (Hunt, Nathaniel) (Entered: 12/03/2019)
12/04/2019	<u>16</u>	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND re <u>13</u> Notice of Appearance, <u>14</u> Notice of Appearance, <u>15</u> Notice of Appearance . (Clabbers, Nicholas) (Entered: 12/04/2019)
12/13/2019	<u>17</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 12/13/2019)
12/13/2019	<u>18</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 12/13/2019)
12/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule by December 30, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on December 16, 2019. (lcrc3) Modified on 12/16/2019 (lcrc3, ). (Entered: 12/16/2019)

12/17/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 12/30/2019 (tj) (Entered: 12/17/2019)
12/30/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 12/30/2019)
12/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by February 3, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/31/2019. (lcrc1) (Entered: 12/31/2019)
12/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/3/2020. (zgdf) (Entered: 01/02/2020)
02/03/2020	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/03/2020)
02/03/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by March 4, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 3, 2020. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/03/2020)
02/05/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/4/2020 (tj) (Entered: 02/05/2020)
03/04/2020	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. (Clabbers, Nicholas) (Entered: 03/04/2020)
03/05/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>21</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report by April 3, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on March 5, 2020. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/05/2020)
03/20/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/3/2020 (tj) (Entered: 03/20/2020)
04/03/2020	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND. (Clabbers, Nicholas) (Entered: 04/03/2020)
04/03/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>22</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report by May 4, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on April 3, 2020. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/03/2020)
04/06/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/4/2020 (tj) (Entered: 04/06/2020)
05/04/2020	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 05/04/2020)
05/04/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>23</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by June 4, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/4/2020. (lcrc3) (Entered: 05/04/2020)
05/05/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/4/2020 (tj) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
06/04/2020	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 06/04/2020)
06/04/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>24</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by July 6, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 06/04/2020. (lcrc3) (Entered: 06/04/2020)

06/05/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/6/2020. (tj) (Entered: 06/05/2020)
07/06/2020	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/06/2020)